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Northwest National Forests to revise timber sale offering schedule

National Forests in Oregon and Washington may revise and reissue their timber sales offering schedules for fiscal year 1982, according to Pacific Northwest Regional Forester R.E. Worthington, USDA Forest Service.

Each National Forest in the two states has been directed by the Regional Forester to re-examine its timber sale schedule in order to offer as many small, short-term (2-3 years) sales as possible in January, February and March. In addition, each National Forest will consider rescheduling some long-term sales offerings for bid later in 1982.

Worthington emphasized that total timber sale offerings for the current fiscal year would not be reduced in the schedule revision process. He said, "our primary objective is to put as many short-term, operable sales on the market quickly, and to defer until after April 1 the offering of some long-term sales on which excessively high bids have been experienced. On that date, new sale provisions will be implemented that are designed to prevent excessively high bids."

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Worthington said short-term sales offered now "could result in considerably lower bids than those we've experienced over the past several years. Lower bid prices will provide more opportunity for National Forest timber to be economically accessible. Thus Northwest National Forest purchasers could compete for whatever lumber demand exists in the present-day market. This would have a tendency to put people back to work in the Northwest."

Revisions in the sales schedules being considered are in line with recommendations made by Oregon Governor Vic Atiyeh's timber strategy panel. "These recommendations were a key factor in my decision, reached after consultation with the Chief of the Forest Service, R. Max Peterson, who was in Oregon and Washington earlier this month," Worthington said.

Mount St. Helens volcano salvage timber sales will continue to be sold on schedule. These sales are outside the National Volcanic Area designated last fall. Timber blown down by recent storms will be sold as soon as sales are prepared.

Revision of each Forest's sale program, Worthington said, "will follow consideration of local factors such as: bidding patterns currently being experienced, effects on small business set-aside sale programs, effects on salvage timber programs, and effects on county receipts and opportunities to improve local employment situations."

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